

ETHELRED STAFFORD.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 784.]

MAY 25, 1860.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of Ethelred Stafford, of Louisiana, asking a pension, make the following report:*

Having examined the evidence in this case, your committee are of opinion that the petitioner, Ethelred Stafford, is entitled to a pension.

It appears from the rolls in the Third Auditor's office that the petitioner was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in the company commanded by Captain John K. Goff, Louisiana volunteers.

From the testimony of three of his comrades in the same company, it appears that while the petitioner was engaged in debarking a cannon from a barge to the shore, one of the skids upon which it was sliding suddenly flew up and struck him on the arm, breaking the bones and inflicting a wound, which, from bad treatment, healed imperfectly, and was left disabled to a considerable extent. The proof is clear upon this casualty, and that it was received in the line of duty.

The petitioner applied for a pension at the Pension office, and it was denied him on the ground that the rolls of the company do not show that he was discharged by reason of any wound.

Your committee are of opinion that the wound is clearly proven by eye witnesses to the occurrence, and the omission of the proper entry upon the company rolls should not preclude the petitioner from a pension; and they therefore report the accompanying bill and ask its favorable consideration.

